



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

## Committee/Task Force Minutes

<b>Committee/Task Force:</b>	Education Outcomes Task Force		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	07/20/2018	<b>Time:</b>	10.00-12.00
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Nicola Singleton Administrative Assistant for Permanency & Practice Support Division, DCS	<b>Location:</b>	IGCS, Conference Room 29

### 1. Meeting Objective(s)

1. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - May, 2018
2. Status update of actions set from previous meeting:

a.	Secure a meeting room at IGCS for next meeting
b.	Melaina will draft language for the Kindergarten Subcommittee and send out to Taskforce for input.
c.	Ask Michael Brown to attend the next meeting
d.	Melaina and Cathy will reach out to Dr. Ochoa for an update from the Educational Passport Subcommittee.
e.	Melaina and Cathy may be able to help suggest rural school principals as new members for the School Climate and Discipline Subcommittee
f.	Melaina needs subcommittee members' list updates and last meeting minutes by May 30 so she and Cathy can write the annual report for Julie.
g.	Please take some time to look at the Strategic Tracker and review our goals and timeline between now and May 30. Melaina will send out draft of annual report to taskforce on May 31 for you to review and send feedback the same day.
h.	Additional 'Youth Voice' recommendations wanted - please send to Melaina or Cathy

3. Response received from CISC regarding our request to add a new objective to research the pros/cons of reducing the compulsory school attendance requirements will be shared and discussed.
4. In reviewing the annual reports of the subcommittees, we found that there is some duplication of efforts. For example, the School Discipline and Climate subcommittee has an objective carried over from objectives identified in the 2016 EOTF Annual Report that is directly focusing on Indiana's accountability law and graduation data reported to the IDOE, which includes mobile and home school youth data. Through the work of the educational passport subcommittee, the accountability and graduation data reported for mobile youth will be addressed. In the same vein, the graduation rates of home schooled youth is not data the state agencies have any authority to require collection, and therefore the data voluntarily reported would not be all inclusive. What is the task force's vote regarding removing these two populations from the objective under the School Climate and Discipline's assigned tasks?



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<p>5. Clarity Needed – The carried over objective of the School Discipline and Climate Subcommittee reads “Review Indiana’s school accountability law and graduation data reported to the Indiana Department of Education, including data specific to “mobility” and “home schooling.” There is no deliverable indicated for this objective. Based on the vote to be taken on point 4, what is the deliverable the task force members expect to be created from this review?</p> <p>6. Status update of Work of Subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Education Passport Model Update:</li> <li>b. School Discipline and Climate Update:</li> <li>c. Mental Health Support in Schools Update:</li> <li>d. Open Discussion – Do the Subcommittee chairs have anything they would like to discuss with the task force members regarding their objectives/deliverables/deadlines/etc.?</li> </ul> <p>7. Review Strategic Plan Tracker and Timeline and deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How much time will we need to request to present the deliverables of the Mental Health Supports in Schools subcommittee?</li> <li>b. Do any of the other subcommittees have any deliverables ready to be included in our presentation to the CISC in August?</li> <li>c. What objective do we believe should be the next one to begin working towards completing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Who on the task force would like to be the co-chairs to lead the subcommittee to address this objective?</li> <li>ii. Do the task force members have any suggestions for potential candidates who would be best suited to assist in achieving this objective?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>8. Youth Voice – Any additional items to be brought forth for discussion by youth</p> <p>9. Executive Director, Julie Whitman – CISC Update from Executive Committee</p> <p>10. Any additional items to be brought forth for discussion by task force members</p>			

**Next meeting:** Friday, September 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: Park 100, Room TBD

### 2. Standing Members

Name	Organization	In Attendance (x indicates present)
Melaina Gant	DCS, Director of Education Services	X
Cathy Danyluk	DOE, Director of Student Services	X
Dr. Anita Silverman	Transitions, Director of Education	X
Jau Nae Hanger	President of Children’s Policy and Law Initiative of Indiana (CPLI)	X (phone)
Mary Beth Buzzard	Education Support Logansport Corrections	
Susan Lightfoot	Henry County Probation	
William Colterayahn	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	
Melissa Ambre	Indiana Department of Education (as needed, for fiscal consultation)	
Sabrena Suggs	Independent Mental Health Educator	X (phone)
Dr. Theresa Ochoa	Indiana University	X (phone)
Terri Miller	Systems of Care	X

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Allison Slatter	IAHE, Dept. of Government Affairs		X
Deepali Jani	DOE, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education State Coordinator		X
Brianna Morse	Indiana Department of Workforce Development		X
Bethany Ecklor	DMHA, School and Community Based Programs Director		X
Jill Johnson	Juvenile Division Chief, Marion County Public Defender Agency		X
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children, Executive Director		X
Derek Grubbs	DOC, Director of Juvenile Education		
Todd Bess	Indiana Association of Public School Principals		X (phone)
Rebekah Gorrell	Executive Assistant to President of Mental Health America of Indiana		
Sarah Midura	Riley Hospital for Children		X
Gil Smith	DCS, Assistant Deputy Director of Field Operations		X
Kristen Martin	Marion County Prosecutor’s Office		X
3. Staff/Guests			
Name	Organization		
Sirilla Blackmon	DMHA/FSSA, Co-Chair of the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Taskforce		
4. Updates/Old Business			
Topic	Main Points	Recommendations/Decisions	
1.	Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - May, 2018	Approved.	
2.	Status update of actions set from previous meeting:	-	
2.a.	Secure a meeting room at IGCS for next meeting	7/20/18 - Completed	
2.b.	Melaina will draft language for the Kindergarten Subcommittee and send out to Taskforce for input.	6/1/18 – Completed. Feedback received and, as a result, this will be paused.	
2.c.	Ask Michael Brown to attend the next meeting	7/20/18 - Deferred	
2.d.	Melaina and Cathy will reach out to Dr. Ochoa for an update from the Educational Passport Subcommittee.	6/1/18 - Requested	



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2.e.	Melaina and Cathy may be able to help suggest rural school principals as new members for the School Climate and Discipline Subcommittee	7/20/18 - Completed	
2.f.	Melaina needs subcommittee members’ list updates and last meeting minutes by May 30 so she and Cathy can write the annual report for Julie.	5/30/18 – Received all but one. Will check again today as some new members have been added since the last meeting.	
2.g.	Please take some time to look at the Strategic Tracker and review our goals and timeline between now and May 30. Melaina will send out draft of annual report to taskforce on May 31 for you to review and send feedback the same day.	5/30/18 – Completed. Annual report was submitted timely.	
2.h.	Additional ‘Youth Voice’ recommendations wanted - please send to Melaina or Cathy	7/20/18 – Completed (Thank you, Gina! ☺). Sabrena Suggs and Rebekah Gorrell added to the Taskforce.	
5. New Business/Presentations			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Main Points</b>	<b>Recommendations/Decisions</b>	
3.	Response received from CISC regarding our request to add a new objective to research the pros/cons of reducing the compulsory school attendance requirements will be shared and discussed.	If this went ahead, it may require a mandate for everyone, and not just for the vulnerable youth population that is our focus. It would therefore not be taken up by a Commission that is specifically for the vulnerable youth population.	



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4.	<p>In reviewing the annual reports of the subcommittees, we found that there is some duplication of efforts. For example, the School Discipline and Climate subcommittee has an objective carried over from objectives identified in the 2016 EOTF Annual Report that is directly focusing on Indiana's accountability law and graduation data reported to the IDOE, <u>which includes mobile and home school youth data</u>. Through the work of the educational passport subcommittee, the accountability and graduation data reported for mobile youth will be addressed. In the same vein, the graduation rates of home schooled youth is not data the state agencies have any authority to require collection, and therefore the data voluntarily reported would not be all inclusive. What is the task force's vote regarding removing these two populations from the objective under the School Climate and Discipline's assigned tasks?</p>	<p>This Committee moves to remove this objective from the School Climate and Discipline Subcommittee and leave the existing, duplicate objective to the Education Passport Subcommittee.</p> <p>To be clear, 'mobile youth' refers to youth who move from system to system, while 'home schooled' refers to children who are receiving the curriculum at home. Reporting graduation rates and other education milestones is not mandatory for home schoolers, therefore any data found is voluntarily given and, as a result, is incomplete and inaccurate.</p> <p>The aim of the Education Passport Subcommittee is to identify gaps in education, such as those when youth exit residential or detention. DCS sees educational gaps in youth at every age, not just kindergarten or older teens. Advocacy is required, for example, to help parents who may not know better when a school does something it shouldn't with regards to their child's education.</p> <p>Cathy &amp; Melaina to research if any data is available with regards to educational gaps.</p> <p>Anita to join Kristen &amp; Todd's next subcommittee meeting to discuss these issues further.</p> <p>Several low-cost or free programs are available to help schools manage absenteeism – See DOE website.</p> <p>We will come back to the topic of compulsory school attendance at the next meeting.</p>	



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6.	Status update of Work of Subcommittees:	-	
6.a.	Education Passport Model Update	Derek Grubbs approved as Co-Chair alongside Dr. Ochoa. Julie suggested another member and has sent the info to Dr. Ochoa. Reminder: Co-chairs can reach out to whomever they want on their subcommittee. We would like to see representation from different systems who deal with ‘mobile youth’ added to this subcommittee. Julie suggested it might be interesting to see how IN deals with migrant youth and their continuity of education as it might help us with mobile youth. Cathy will find out who this is at DOE and speak with them.	
6.b.	School Discipline and Climate Update	We continue to identify additional contributors, as well as programs that could be useful. We are looking for rural school perspective. Cathy and Melaina have made a list from their resources and will share this with Kristen.	
6.c.	Mental Health Support in Schools Update	<p>See attached handouts from Terri Miller.</p>  <p>Acrobat Document</p> <p>Indiana does not collect ACES score data like other states, however Melaina advised Pike Township now does collect it. Julie will inquire with Dept. of Health as to the barriers to getting BRFSS info in Indiana. Terri ran through her PowerPoint file and received feedback on edits required prior to the presentation of the information to CISC on 8/15. Terri requested she add Sara Midura to her Mental Health Subcommittee – approved.</p>	



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6.d.	Open Discussion – Do the Subcommittee chairs have anything they would like to discuss with the task force members regarding their objectives/deliverables/deadlines/etc.?	Nothing to add.	
7.	Review Strategic Plan Tracker and Timeline and deliverables	As some of our objectives come to a close, we can start to think about new ones. We will discuss this at the next meeting.	
7.a.	How much time will we need to request to present the deliverables of the Mental Health Supports in Schools subcommittee?	Julie will send out the schedule once it is available. Time slots are not concrete, but are dependent on the full agenda of items required at the meeting.	
7.b.	Do any of the other subcommittees have any deliverables ready to be included in our presentation to the CISC in August?	None.	
7.c.	What objective do we believe should be the next one to begin working towards completing?	To be addressed at the next meeting.	
7.c.i.	Who on the task force would like to be the co-chairs to lead the subcommittee to address this objective?	n/a	
7.c.ii.	Do the task force members have any suggestions for potential candidates who would be best suited to assist in achieving this objective?	n/a	
8.	Youth Voice – Any additional items to be brought forth for discussion by youth	No additional input at this time. Thank you to Sabrena for calling in to her first meeting! ☺ Cathy suggested Sabrena be added to the School Discipline and Climate Subcommittee, to which Sabrena agreed.	
9.	Executive Director, Julie Whitman – CISC Update from Executive Committee	The next Executive Committee meeting is Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> . Everyone is welcome. They will be webcasting for anyone unable to attend in person. It is recommended to attend at least one meeting prior to any session where you might be required to present something, so that you can get a feel for the structure and Q&A.	
10.	Any additional items to be brought forth for discussion by task force members	None.	



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<b>6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)</b>					
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>			
Cathy & Melaina to research if any data is available with regards to educational gaps.	Cathy/Melaina	9/21/2018			
Anita to join Kristen & Todd's next subcommittee meeting to discuss the issue of educational gaps in youth that leave residential, etc.	Anita	9/21/2018			
Send list of suggestions for rural school contacts that would be useful to the School Discipline Subcommittee to Kristen Martin	Cathy/Melaina	9/21/2018			
Cathy to find out who deals with Migrant Education at DOE	Cathy	9/21/2018			
<b>7. Adjournment</b>					
<b>Action</b>	<b>Time</b>				
Meeting Adjourned	Noon				
<b>8. Next Meeting</b>					
<b>Date:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	9/21/2018	<b>Time:</b>	10.00 – 12.00	<b>Location:</b>	Park 100, 5980 W 71 <sup>st</sup> St, Indianapolis IN 46278, Room TBD
<b>Topics/Objective(s):</b>	TBD				

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